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PETITION FOR A TWO MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a two month extension of time to respond to the office action mailed February 17, 2004. A check is attached satisfy the extension of time fee, as well as the excess claims fee for two additional independent claims. If any additional fee are required to grant this petition or gain entry of the amendment, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Attorney's deposit account 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson, PC).

In response to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

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